



2016 FACT SHEET

Colon & rectal cancers are referred to as “colorectal cancer” and abbreviated “CRC”

About Colorectal Cancer:

- 2nd leading cause of cancer death among men & women combined
- 3rd most commonly diagnosed cancer
- 134,490 estimated new cases in 2016
- 49,190 estimated deaths in 2016
- 1 in 20 people will be diagnosed in their lifetimes
- 1 in 3 people are not up-to-date with screening
- 23 million people have not been screened
- 60% of deaths could be prevented with screening

Hereditary/Genetic Stats:

- People with a first-degree relative (parent, sibling or child) with colon cancer are between 2-3 times more likely to develop the cancer than those without a family history.
- 25% of people diagnosed with colorectal cancer have a family history.

Early-Onset (under 50) Incidence:

- Data suggests that the incidence of colorectal cancer for those under 50 is on the rise and more young people are being diagnosed with colorectal cancer.

Great Resources:

American Cancer Society:

<https://cancerstatisticscenter.cancer.org/#/cancer-site/Colorectum>

National Cancer Institute:

<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/colorect.html>